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SUBJECT: HUMAN RIGHTS IN CHILE: CASE OF CARLOS

LAZO CAMUS

SUMMARY: MRS. CARLOS LAZO CAMUS CALLED AT EMBASSY TO EXPRESS THE VIEW THAT HER HUSBAND'S EXPULSION FROM CHILE AS POLITICAL PRISONER IS BEING BLOCKED, AND THAT INTERNATIONAL POLITICAL PRESSURE WILL BE NECESSARY. SHE IS INQUIRING ABOUT UTILITY OF HER COMING TO WASHINGTON TO DISCUSS CASE WITH DEPARTMENT. END SUMMARY.

1. AT REQUEST OF FRENCH SENATE PRESIDENT ALAIN POHER, EMBASSY AGREED TO RECEIVE VISIT MAY 9 FROM MRS. CARLOS LAZO CAMUS, CHILEAN EXILE LIVING AS POLITICAL REFUGEE IN FRANCE. MRS. CAMUS' HUSBAND HAS BEEN POLITICAL PRISONER IN CHILE FOR THE LAST FOUR YEARS. HE WAS MEMBER OF CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF CHILEAN SOCIALIST PARTY AND EXECUTIVE VICE-PRESIDENT OF CHILEAN STATE BANK UNDER ALLENDE REGIME.

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2. MRS. CAMUS SAID THAT HER HUSBAND HAS US ENTRY DOCUMENTS UNDER PAROLEE PROGRAM. HE HAS APPLIED FOR EXPULSION FROM CHILE UNDER 504 DECREE, BUT IS ONE OF FEW POLITICAL PRISONERS AMONG HIGH RANKING PERSONALITIES WHO HAVE NOT YET BEEN RELEASED AND DEPORTED. MRS. CAMUS SAID SHE HAD EXPECTED HUSBAND

TO BE RELEASED FOR CHRISTMAS, L976, BUT NOTHING HAS
HAPPENED TO DATE. SHE FEELS THAT AIR FORCE GENERAL
LEIGH IS BLOCKING THE RELEASE BECAUSE HE FEARS
MR. CAMUS WILL REVEAL DETAILS OF TORTURE.

3. LAWYER GONZALO VIAL HAS ADVISED MRS. CAMUS
FROM SANTIAGO THAT INTERNATIONAL POLITICAL PRESSURE
IS NEEDED TO PERSUADE CHILEAN GOVERNMENT TO APPLY
504 DECREE AND EXPEL HER HUSBAND. VIAL IS ADVISING
MRS. CAMUS TO GO TO THE UNITED STATES TO APPEAL TO
USG OFFICIALS. MRS. CAMUS SAID SHE VISITED WASHINGTON
IN OCTOBER, L976 AND WAS RECEIVED BY SCHLAUDEMANN
AND LISTER IN THE DEPARTMENT/ARA, AND SHE IS UNDER
THE IMPRESSION THAT THE USG MADE AN EFFORT AT THAT
TIME TO HELP HER HUSBAND. MRS. CAMUS WISHES TO
MAKE THE TRIP TO WASHINGTON DESPITE DIFFICULT
FINANCIAL CIRCUMSTANCES, BUT WILL DO SO ONLY IF
SHE HAS SOME HOPE OF BEING RECEIVED IN DEPARTMENT
AT POLICY LEVEL.

4. WE ASKED MRS. CAMUS IF SHE IS ATTEMPTING TO
ENLIST AID OF OTHER GOVERNMENTS. SHE REPLIED
THAT FRENCH SENATE PRESIDENT POHER, WHO IS THE
SECOND RANKING PERSONALITY OF THE FRENCH STATE, WILL

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BE MAKING PERSONAL APPEAL TO GENERAL LEIGH OF THE CHILEAN AIR FORCE. SHE SAID FRENCH GOVERNMENT IS STILL CONSIDERING HER REQUEST, BUT WILL PROBABLY TURN HER DOWN. AS DEPARTMENT AWARE, PRESIDENT GISCARD D'ESTAING REFUSED TO SEE SOVIET DISSIDENT AMALRICH WHO WAS OFFERED MEETING WITH MIDDLE LEVEL FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIAL. GOF APPARENTLY FEELS THAT INTERNAL POLITICS REQUIRE UNIFORM STANDARD OF NON-INTERFERENCE, AND DEMARCHE TO CHILEAN GOVERNMENT ON BEHALF OF CAMUS WOULD THEREFORE BE INAPPROPRIATE. FRENCH SOCIALIST LEADER MITTERRAND HAS AGREED, ACCORDING TO MRS. CAMUS, TO ENLIST THE AID OF WILLY BRANDT IN THE FRG THROUGH SOCIALIST INTERNATIONAL CHANNELS.

5. MRS. CAMUS ALSO INDICATED THAT ALLENDE'S FOREIGN MINISTER ALMEIDA WILL BE TRAVELING TO THE UNITED STATES IN ABOUT TEN DAYS. HE WILL BE SEEING UNSYG WALDHEIM, AND WILL PROBABLY BE SEEKING TO CALL ON CONFIDENTIAL

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DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS, ACCORDING TO MRS. CAMUS.

6. ACTION REQUESTED: DEPARTMENT'S RESPONSE TO MRS. CAMUS' QUERY AS TO THE UTILITY OF HER COMING TO WASHINGTON AT THIS TIME TO SEEK USG INTERVENTION ON BEHALF OF HER HUSBAND.
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